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SUBJECT: GOP VIEW OF DORDAH MISSION

REF: KABUL 458

1. DURING MEETING JANUARY 22, AGHA SHAHI TOLD
AMBASSADOR THAT ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHNAWAZ
WOULD BE GOING TO TRIPOLI IN NEAR FUTURE TO EXPLAIN GOP
SIDE OF ABORTED "DORDAH MISSION." AGHA SHAHI NOTED
THAT TIMING OF GOP ANNOUNCEMENT OF DISQUALIFICATION
OF NAP OFFICE-HOLDERS FROM ELECTIVE POSITIONS FOR FIVE
YEARS WAS DIRECT RESULT OF SUPREME COURT CONFIRMATION
OF BAN ON PARTY. THIS FINDING SET IN MOTION SERIES OF
LEGAL MEASURES INCLUDING DISQUALIFICATION PROCEEDINGS.
LIBYANS WILL BE TOLD THAT FACT THIS NEXT LOGICAL STEP
IN LEGAL PROCESS CAME AT SAME TIME AS DORDAH MISSION WAS
COMPLETELY COINCIDENTAL, AND WAS IN NO WAY TIED TO
PAK/AFGHAN RELATIONS. AS INDICATION OF HOW THIS HAS
BECOME STRICTLY LEGAL ISSUE, AGHA SHAHI TOLD
AMBASSADOR THAT BHUTTO FIRST LEARNED THAT DISQUALIFI-
CATION PAPERS HAD BEEN RECENTLY SERVED ON SEVERAL NAP
LEGISLATORS WHEN HE READ ABOUT IT IN NEWSPAPERS.

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2.AGHA SHAHI ALSO SAID THAT TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER
WAS STILL INTERESTED IN SEEING IF HE COULD PLAY A
HELPFUL ROLE IN PAK/AFGHAN RELATIONS, AND TURKS WOULD
BE DISCUSSING THIS WITH PAKS AT RCD MINISTERIAL MEETING
IN LAHORE BEGINNING JANUARY 29.
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